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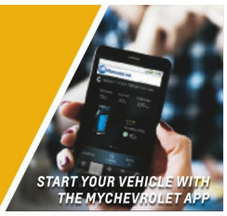

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Independent audit of CBC finds host's behaviour went unchecked

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | View

I've worked at public broadcasters, and I know so-called host culture.

Why doesn't CBC executive Heather Conway?

She and other Mother Corp leaders appeared humbled yesterday in the face of a scathing report on workplace culture at Q — sorry, q. We apologize, we fully accept the report's findings and we'll implement the recommendations swiftly, they chanted.

The report found a range of abuse by Jian Ghomeshi went unchecked, and host culture played a key role. But pressed on how CBC would deal with host culture, Conway seemed to deny its very existence. **Continued, page 3**

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CBC slammed in Ghomeshi report

INVESTIGATION

Management overlooked bad behaviour, lawyers find

CBC management is squarely to blame for allowing disgraced radio host Jian Ghomeshi to get away for years with inappropriate behaviour that included sexual harassment, a damning report concluded Thursday.

"Management knew or ought to have known of this behaviour and conduct and failed to take steps required of it in accordance with its own policies to ensure that the workplace was free from disrespectful and abusive conduct," reads the report from the independent investigation carried out by Toronto employment lawyers Janice Rubin and Parisa Nikfarjam. "It is our conclusion that CBC management condoned this behaviour."

The public broadcaster brought in Rubin to lead the investigation last November, days after Ghomeshi was fired from his job as host of Q, a position he had held since 2007. He is now facing seven counts of sexual assault and one of overcoming resistance by choking. He intends to plead not guilty.

Ghomeshi declined to participate in the investigation. His lawyer did not return the Torstar News Service's request for comment.

Top brass at CBC, who received the report Monday, acted swiftly. Just minutes before the results were released to the public Thursday morning, CBC announced it had "severed ties" with two top executives who had been on leave since January: Former head of radio Chris Boyce and human resources director Todd Spencer. It did not offer any further details.

Boyce did not return a request for comment. Spencer could not be reached.

A long-awaited independent report says CBC management condoned inappropriate behaviour by Jian Ghomeshi for years. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CBC president Hubert Lacroix, speaking to reporters on a conference call, offered a "sincere and unqualified apology" to employees and Canadians, pledging to work with the union to put in place the report's recommendations as quickly as possible to strengthen safety in the workplace.

In a surprise move, CBC chose "in the spirit of transparency" to release the full 52-page report — albeit with many parts censored — rather than just the recommendations, as it initially announced last year.

The long-awaited report — Rubin and Nikfarjam spoke to 99 people over nearly six months — had harsh words for a culture at the CBC that showed far too much deference to the host, a system that did not properly address and compile complaints of harassment, and an atmosphere that caused young and vulnerable workers to feel they could not go to management with concerns.

Among the report's recommendations: a full review of policies and procedures around protection and expectations of employees; a confidential hotline for reporting inappropriate behaviour; and a work and human-rights ombudsman.

The two lawyers found Ghomeshi was an incredibly difficult person to work with: He was chronically late and emotionally unpredictable, took credit for other people's work, gave harsh criticism and played cruel jokes.

They said a "small number of cases" constituted sexual harassment: These included Ghomeshi giving unwanted back rubs to female employees and sharing too much information with colleagues about his sex life.

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COLUMN

Broadcaster's denial of host culture makes change unlikely

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"I'm not sure that host culture, or the premise, is an excuse for managers not managing," Conway said, and she rejected the idea it's a problem with other hosts.

Well, I'd refer Conway back to that report the CBC commissioned, because in the words of one witness, it's "definitely an issue."

Also known as "keeping the talent happy" — a phrase I picked up while working for the CBC and BBC — host culture means that "my voice next to his would mean nothing," as one alleged Ghomeshi victim has told media.

Now that Ghomeshi's gone, though, we shouldn't worry, according to Conway.

That's despite the fact that the report dedicated a whole section to host culture and how it helped Ghomeshi rule with impunity, and despite the fact that witnesses said it's been a problem at the broadcaster "for a long time."

Host culture is not some kind of Q anomaly. Egos in media are notorious for a reason. Ghomeshi's an extreme example of a much more subtle and pervasive hierarchy where the face of a program gets deferential treatment because of their pivotal and public role in making that program a success.

And maybe the worst thing about host culture is how closely tied it is to the kind of celebrity the CBC was chasing in Ghomeshi. The celebrity that helped Ghomeshi reach those ugly heights and kept him there too long.

We know from other cases, such as the horrific Jimmy Savile abuse scandal at the BBC, that placating and protecting celebrity talent is dangerous.

To deny that role in the Ghomeshi affair, or even to reject its presence elsewhere in the CBC, will only do one thing: It will protect the powerful.

CBC leadership is promising a "culture shift." They're going to clean up the mess of inadequate policies and management failures. They're going to make the hierarchy clear, and the host won't be at the top of it, they say.

But that means nothing if host culture persists. Oh, sorry, I forgot. It doesn't exist.

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Public art a 'great' way to change minds

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A public-art project in Kensington Market is drawing attention to the issue of sexual harassment on Toronto's streets.

The Street Talk Project debuted Thursday and features seven alternative street signs posted around the popular downtown neighbourhood.

"Having the signs within the landscape of Kensington Market will generate a lot of response and activity on social media. It's about sparking a dialogue," said Christine Dewancker, one of the project's co-ordinators.

All of the signs are also on display at the Whippersnapper Gallery on Dundas Street.

> **These signs represent the unwritten rules of the street that we'd like to bring forward.**
> Street Talk Project's Christine Dewancker

Dewancker said Kensington was chosen because it's adjacent to two areas in Toronto — the Bay Street corridor and the University of Toronto — that report some of the highest rates of sexual violence.

"Public art is a great vehicle for talking about the lived experience in the city," Dewancker said. "We wanted to touch on the relationship between public space and street harassment and how that kind of gender-based violence is felt differently in different places."

The signs reference issues like cat-calling and the role bystanders can play in preventing sexual assault or harassment.

One sign, designed by Heather Scott, shows a phallic-shaped construction arrow with the caption "Your curve does not give you the right of way to cat-call."

"Like most women, I have been subjected to verbal harassment from men and I have observed that they often radiate a sense of pride after yelling their opinion of my body at me," Scott said. "I used this idea of men feeling that they have a right to behave this way and related it to a common street-sign term."

The signs will be on display in the gallery and on the street until April 26. For more information, visit streettalkproject.com.

This is one of the seven street signs posted in Kensington Market as part of the Street Talk Project. COURTESY MAGGIE LEVER

CRIME

Arrests made in shooting

Four people were arrested in a shooting in northwest Toronto that sent five people to hospital, one with life-threatening injuries, police said Thursday.

One of the suspects was shot "in an interaction with police" after officers arrived at the scene but was expected to survive, they said.

The province's police watchdog is investigating that shooting. The Special Investigations Unit said the interaction occurred while police were investigating a vehicle several kilometres from where the shooting took place, and involved a male occupant.

Paramedics said two of the five victims suffered "very serious" wounds and the remaining two have minor injuries.

Toronto television station CP24 reported that four of the people shot were males, the fifth was a woman.

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Queens of our court

It's 3:30 p.m. All 19,800 seats of the Air Canada Centre are empty, but the smell of popcorn lingers and the sound system booms with mike tests. There is hard work to be done before the NBA playoffs, and although storey-high portraits of DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry decorate the outer halls, it's Dance Pak coach Amberley Waddell and her girls who are going to ensure Raptors fans don't drop the ball on Saturday. **LIZ BEDDALL/METRO**

IT'S GAME TIME
Dance Pak coach Amberley Waddell says the intensity of rehearsal builds throughout the season, with the team's unwavering work ethic going into overdrive during the playoff period.

PAK STATS

Number of dancers on the Raptors Dance Pak: 21

Age range: 19-30

Rehearsal schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 7:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.

Number who audition per year: More than 250

Number of routines learned this season so far: More than 35

Moving on: Former members have used the training as a stepping stone into the entertainment industry, dancing alongside Bette Midler and Beyoncé and becoming the arena host for Raptors home games.

What's in store for the playoffs: Expect new routines, an edgier costume to complement the We the North brand and a throwback to '90s boy bands in the music mix.

"They are in rehearsal with me three times a week, sweating it out. On top of that they're in the gym, they're running around doing appearances, they are constantly working.
Dance Pak coach Amberley Waddell

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Raccoon found 58 storeys up in crane

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Animal alpinist Twitter photo is newest Internet darling

A fearless raccoon who climbed more than 200 metres up a crane in Toronto briefly became Twitter-famous on Thursday after his photo was tweeted by a tower crane operator.

Rob MacFarlane, known for posting photos of the breathtaking views he's often exposed to on the job, took a photo of the raccoon clutching a ladder, looking a little apprehensive, with his eyes wide open.

Many people expressed concern for the animal's safety, but MacFarlane reassured everyone that it got back down unhurt, and that it was just as brave on its way down.

"They are the tortoise in the story," MacFarlane told the Star. "Not so fast, but efficient."

The raccoon had made the 213-metre climb overnight and was waiting for MacFarlane when he arrived at work.

When he got close, the raccoon stared at him blankly and hissed a bit. Seemingly annoyed by MacFarlane's presence, it then confidently made his descent to the ground.

Surprisingly, this was not the first time MacFarlane has encountered a raccoon so high off the ground, he said on Twitter. Face-to-face, this was the second incident, but he has seen "evidence" multiple times before.

"It's not unusual," he said. "Raccoons seem to like cranes."

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Social media is lighting up with a Toronto photo of the furry adventurer peering from between the metallic rungs of a crane about 58 storeys high.

ROB MACFARLANE/@SKYJACKED793, TWITTER, THE CANADIAN PRESS

IMMIGRANT LIVING

Overseas transfer bank fees high: NDP

A local member of Parliament is tabling a bill in the House of Commons seeking to significantly reduce charges for sending money overseas.

Parkdale-High Park MP Peggy Nash wants Canadian banks and other financial institutions to cap the fee for remittances at just five per cent, a move she believes would favour many immigrants.

"These are people working for very low wages," she said citing caregivers, people working overnight shifts in factories and retail among other employment activities.

"They are living a low income life and having to send a small amount to their loved ones is already quite a hardship."

Fee charges for sending money out of Canada can be as high as 20 per cent, which is above average according to World Bank reports, she said. The OECD proposed a five per cent fee cap in 2009 for five years, but there was no legal requirement and the proposal wasn't put in practice, she said.

The fee regulation is long overdue, she said. Many financial institutions have established flat rates for sending money, and that ends up being costly for the ordinary immigrant trying to help their relatives, she noted.

"It's the smallest amount of money that ends up paying the highest fees," she said. "The amount that gets lost in fees can sometimes equal many hours of wages, and that can really make a big difference for them."

MPP Jagmeet Singh of Bramalea–Gore–Malton is tabling the same bill at Queen's Park. Both are NDP representatives.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

5%

The maximum amount a bank could charge to send money overseas, if western Toronto's NDP elected officials have their way.

METRO

*Air Canada is teaming up with the Greater Toronto Airport Authority at Toronto Pearson International Airport to contract out the jobs of Air Canada employees. Discounted jobs don't result in discounted fares – they do result in poorer service at Canada's busiest airport. Air Canada and the GTAA must end this practice of contracting out and eroding job security.

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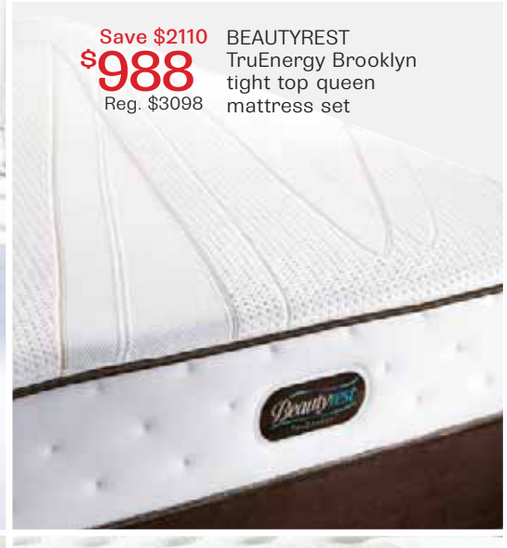

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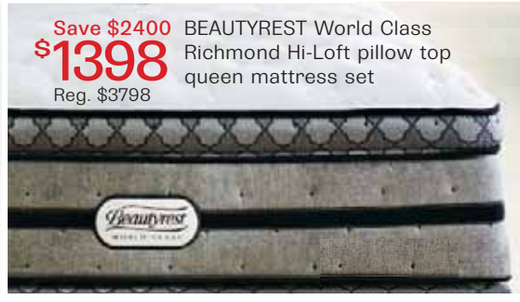

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Move forward for Tory's SmartTrack plan

PRIORITIES

Premier gives GO ahead to prioritize key sections of rail

He'll have to find some more money, but Mayor John Tory's SmartTrack transit plan has received another little push down the track from Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Two key sections of rail for Tory's plan were among those identified as priorities for the provincial GO electrification plan called regional express rail.

The Stouffville GO line north to Unionville and the Kitchener line from Union Station to Bramalea — sections that Tory wants to use to help connect the airport corporate centre with the Markham business hub — were mentioned as targets for more frequent GO services.

The Lakeshore East and West GO lines between Oshawa and Burlington, and the Barrie line as far north as Aurora from Union Station, were also among those designated for electrification.

Details on the timing weren't part of the announcement, in which Wynne said she plans to sell shares of Hydro One and other public assets to help pay for new provincial infrastructure. But Tory told reporters "it's a significant step" and he's happy "that this is moving ahead."

"There's lots more to be done with the other governments and with the details that are subject to the studies that are happening over the course of the spring and summer, but I think this is a significant day, a significant step forward for transit in Toronto," he said at a Toronto Police Services Board meeting.

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Mayor Tory has another task on his to-do list. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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EATON CENTRE SHOOTING

Husbands 'in shock' at 30-year sentence

A man who gunned down two people in a crowded downtown food court was sentenced Thursday to at least 30 years behind bars — an unprecedented sentence for second-degree murder.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Eugene Ewaschuk, who denounced the crimes as horrific and outrageous, decided Christopher Husbands will be ineligible for parole for 15 years for each killing. Ewaschuk also decided the periods of parole ineligibility should be served consecutively.

"It's an unprecedented sentence for second-degree murder in Canada; it's literally never been given," defence lawyer Dirk Derstine said. "He's in shock because of the sentence."

Husbands was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder for the shooting at the Eaton Centre in June 2012 that also critically injured a 13-year-old boy. The 26-year-old was also convicted of five counts of aggravated assault, one count of criminal negligence causing bodily harm and one count of recklessly discharging a firearm. The murder convictions carry an automatic life sentence with no parole for at least 10 years.

However, the federal government recently changed the law to allow periods of parole ineligibility in murder cases to be consecutive, rather than concurrent. Husbands' defence team had launched a constitutional challenge to the sentencing provisions, arguing they amounted to cruel and unusual punishment, but Ewaschuk rejected the challenge.

Derstine said he planned to appeal both the conviction and sentences. The Crown, which argued he was a menace to public safety, had wanted Husbands to serve 20 years on each of the two murder counts consecutively in the deaths of Nixon Nirmalendran, 22, and Ahmed Hassan, 24.

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TONI MORGAN

Homeless to Harvard via crowdfunding

Toni Morgan knew something big had happened when she picked up the phone Thursday morning and heard her mother slowly pronounce her name.

Drawing out each syllable of the 32-year-old's moniker is a tactic her mother reserves only for moments of extreme excitement or surprise — and the more than $50,000 Morgan had raised for her tuition definitely qualified.

The funds flowed in after a Wednesday story that detailed Morgan's harrowing journey from being a homeless, high-school dropout to being accepted by the prestigious Harvard University. The problem? Morgan, a programming director for a non-profit organization, didn't have the money to pay for an Ivy League education.

Toni Morgan TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

So she turned to crowdfunding to help her raise $50,000 for tuition fees. Reaching the total, she imagined, "would be unthinkable."

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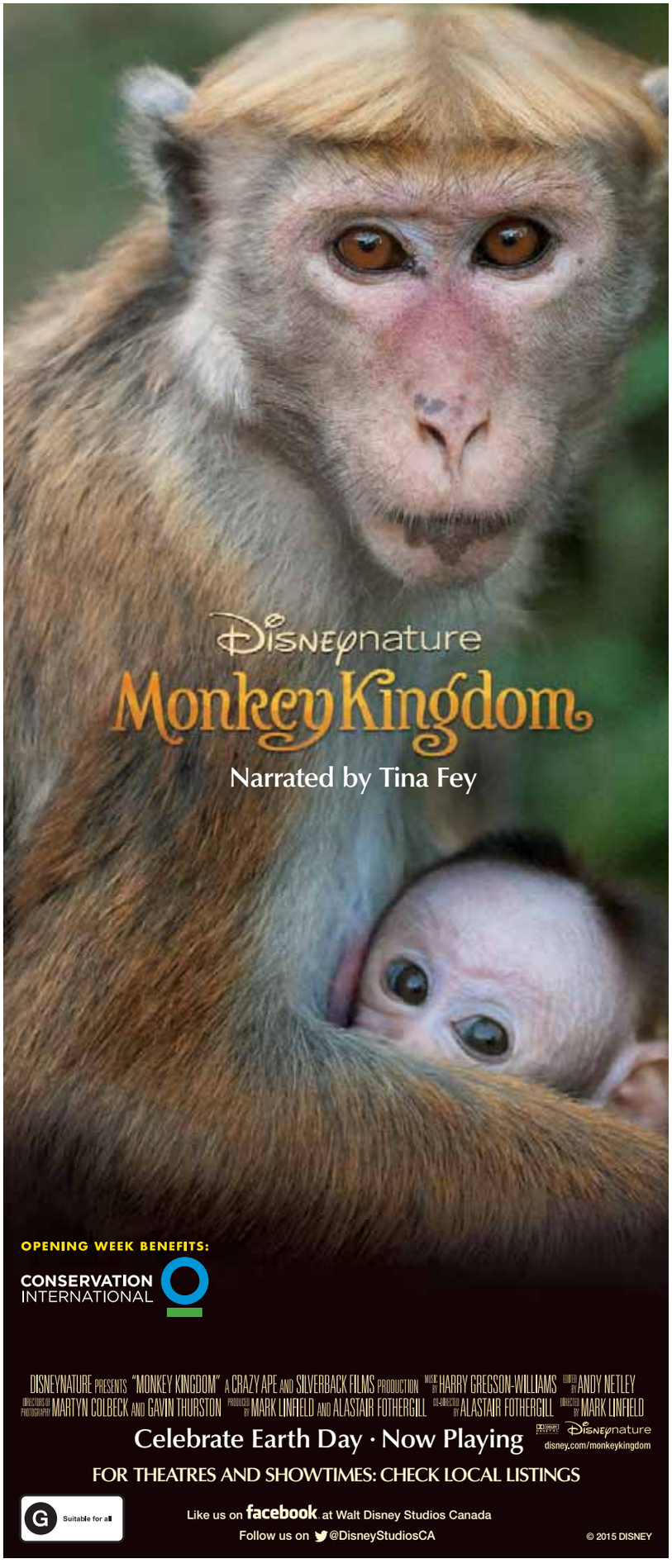
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Let's pitch in to clean parks

It's spring cleaning time, Toronto. The city is again asking people to pitch in and pick up litter in their communities. The annual Clean Toronto Together initiative starts Friday. Here are some flagship events in different areas of Toronto. For a full list of cleanups and dates, check out Clean Toronto Together 2015 on the City of Toronto's website.

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SIKH GROUP

Indian PM's visit sparks protest

Not everyone in Toronto is happy about Indian prime minister Narendra Modi's visit to Canada.

Sikhs for Justice, a human rights advocacy group, held a protest during Modi's visit to Toronto's Air India memorial Thursday morning.

Jatinder Singh Grewal, a spokesperson for the group, said they are concerned about the visit because Modi is being paraded as a rock star when he should be charged with crimes of torture and genocide.

"Modi is accused of murdering thousands of innocent people," Grewal said.

"I don't see any human being cheering him on if they had access to information on all the crimes he's accused of perpetrating."

> **Modi is accused of murdering thousands.**
> Jatinder Singh Grewal

The advocacy group says Modi should be prosecuted for his role in the massacre of Muslims during the 2002 riots in Gujarat, an Indian state. Modi was chief minister of Gujarat at the time.

Up until a year ago, Modi was denied a visa to the U.S. due to suspicions of human rights abuses.

He was cleared in an investigation by the Indian supreme court in 2012.

DEBORAH HERNANDEZ/FOR METRO

Premier Wynne along with Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli. They were part of the team that delivered recommendations on assets, Thursday. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Grocery stores to begin selling beer

FOOD RETAIL

Supermarkets will carry 6-packs before Christmas

Premier Kathleen Wynne is playing Santa Claus for Ontario beer drinkers with the sale of six-packs in Ontario supermarkets beginning this Christmas.

Beer will eventually be sold in 450 of the province's 1,500 grocery stores — everywhere from Loblaws to smaller independent markets — with Ontarians continuing to enjoy Canada's lowest average prices.

"It's a good day for our economy and for job creation. It is also a good day for the people who like their beer cold because it will be easier to buy it," the premier said Thursday.

The most sweeping reform of beer sales in Ontario history follows an investigation by the Star's Martin Regg Cohn and comes 30 years after former premier David Peterson first promised such liberalization.

Last December, the Star exposed a secret sweetheart deal between the publicly owned Liquor Control Board of Ontario and the private Beer Store chain, which revealed lobbying and political donations by foreign-owned Labatt, Molson, and Sleeman.

Under the changes, the 448-outlet Beer Store chain will have to devote at least 20 per cent more of its operations to craft beers.

However, a new levy will add $1 over the next four years to the cost of a 24-pack that currently retails for about $34 in Ontario.

Consumers will pay about a penny more per bottle per year as it's phased in, eventually meaning $100 million more annually to the treasury.

Under the new measures, beer prices will be set so they are the same at supermarkets, the 651-outlet LCBO, and the Beer Store.

The first supermarkets will have beer on their shelves before Christmas with brews available in as many as 150 large grocery stores by May 1, 2017, and another 300 in the weeks and months that follow.

Clark also recommended changes to the LCBO.

Online sales through a new LCBO e-commerce retail site will allow for home delivery or pickup at stores of a vastly expanded range of products.

Supermarket hours of sale will be restricted and grocers will have to train staff to ensure under-age consumers are prohibited from buying beer, which will be sold in six-packs or smaller formats.

While he noted the "most newsworthy change" is the expanded sale of beer, he emphasized that 9,000 small licensees across the province will soon be allowed to buy beer at lower prices for their bars and restaurants. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

$100M

A new levy will add $1 to the price of a 24-pack of beer over the next four years. Consumers will pay about a penny more per bottle, eventually injecting $100 million into the treasury.

'A GOOD DAY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIKE THEIR BEER COLD'

Key points from Premier Wynne's announcement

Location, location
Before Santa takes to the skies, grocery stores will begin carrying beer on their shelves. By mid-2017, more than 450 stores will carry the alcoholic beverage.

Online, home delivery?
A new LCBO e-commerce retail site will allow for both home delivery and pick-up.

Crafting more shelf space
Craft brewers will see improved placement, shelf space and marketing inside the Beer Store.

12-packs
Starting soon 12-packs of beer will be sold in 10 LCBO locations on a pilot basis.

Right down to beer tax
A tax will be levied on all breweries to raise $100 million annually for the provincial government.

Four-year plan
The Beer Store will spend $100 million over the next several years to spruce up its stores, while receiving $1 million less annually for recycling. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The Gardiner Expressway is known for traffic and ongoing repairs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

metro EXPLAINS

What the experts are saying about the Gardiner

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

In the coming months, Toronto's city council will decide the fate of the Gardiner Expressway. Depending on who you ask, the roadway is either a vital piece of infrastructure or a crumbling relic of car culture, ensuring debate on the issue will be lively to say the least. On Wednesday, residents were presented with three options for the Gardiner, only two of which are being seriously considered.

Here are the contenders:

OPTION 1: MAINTAIN

COST: $864 MILLION (ESTIMATED) TIME: N/A

Earlier discussions had suggested keeping the entire Gardiner intact and spending $864 million to extend the crumbling roadway's lifespan into the next century. However, this option has been widely panned by city planners.

"It's for the benefit of everyone to have spaces in the city that aren't all figured out and perfect. Michael Piper

University of Toronto architecture professor Michael Piper believes the Gardiner should be repaired, but kept intact.

According to Piper, tearing down a portion of the expressway or realigning it would rob Toronto of some of its most "gritty" and urban spaces.

"It's for the benefit of everyone to have spaces in the city that aren't all figured out and perfect," he said. "We need room to feel a little edgy."

Rather than replace the Gardiner with some "idealized" version of what urban space should be, Piper would prefer the space underneath the roadway be used for interesting or innovative projects.

"There's room for imagination in those spaces," he said. "They offer ways for people to imagine things that haven't been imagined before."

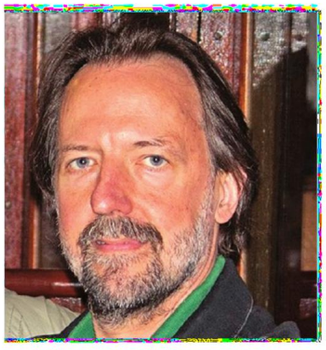
City council will soon decide the fate of the Gardiner Expressway. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO

OPTION 2: REMOVAL

COST: $461 MILLION (ESTIMATED) TIME: Add three to five minutes to average commute

The first option would see the 2.4-kilometre stretch of the Gardiner east of Jarvis removed, and replaced with an eight-lane, street-level boulevard extending to the Don Valley.

> **If you remove that part of the Gardiner, you unlock all that potential.** George Milbrandt



George Milbrandt, owner of C'est What and member of CodeBlueTO, wants the city to demolish the eastern portion of the Gardiner. Milbrandt believes the expressway is a relic of outdated urban planning and simply too costly to fix.

"Maintaining this 1960s vision of progress is not Toronto's future, and it's certainly not worth an extra half-billion dollars," he said. In addition to being the most cost-effective option, Milbrandt said removing the Gardiner would open up Toronto's waterfront to development.

"There's enough land there that we could create another downtown Toronto," he said. "If you remove that part of the Gardiner, you unlock all that potential." Lastly, Milbrandt said removing the Gardiner would send a message to residents that City Hall cares "more about people and neighbourhoods than cars."

OPTION 3: HYBRID

COST: $919 MILLION (ESTIMATED) TIME: Only increases commute for those coming from Victoria Park and Kingston

Another choice is to leave the elevated Gardiner intact between Jarvis and the Don River, replacing only the ramp between the Don and Logan Avenue with a six-lane boulevard.

> **You need to look at it from an effectiveness perspective ...** Elliot Silverstein

The Southern Ontario branch of the Canadian Automobile Association favours the hybrid option, despite its rather hefty $919-million price tag.

"I don't think cost should be the only consideration. You need to look at it from an effectiveness perspective," said CAA spokesman Elliott Silverstein. Leaving the elevated Gardiner in place between Jarvis and the Don River would allow development along the waterfront while mitigating the impact on drivers, he said.

"It provides an opportunity to ensure the road is still available in an expressway format," he said.

According to Silverstein, eliminating the expressway would increase congestion, which costs Toronto an estimated $6 billion in lost productivity every year. It would also force more traffic on to residential roads, Silverstein said, leading to conflicts with pedestrians and cyclists.

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Makeup paid for by contractor: Crown

DUFFY TRIAL

Services compensated through Maple Ridge Media

Stephen Harper's name surfaced at the Mike Duffy trial Thursday as court heard from a string of contractors who were paid through a taxpayer-funded account that the suspended senator allegedly used to skirt finance rules.

A former intern, a makeup artist and a personal trainer all described being paid by companies run by Duffy's long-time friend Gerald Donohue for services they provided to the senator — and in one case, to the prime minister as well.

The cheques form the basis for six of 30 fraud and breach-of-trust charges faced by Duffy, in addition to a single count of bribery involving a cheque that came from Harper's former chief of staff.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

The money came at Duffy's request, court heard; both makeup artist Jacqueline Lambert and personal trainer Michael Croskery testified he explicitly told them to bill either Maple Ridge Media or Ottawa ICF, both companies run by Donohue.

Cheques cut by Maple Ridge included $300 sent to Lambert, who had known Duffy for years in his role at CTV.

She was first called to do his makeup as a senator in 2009, for a photo shoot, and Duffy told her to send him the invoice personally. A letter introduced earlier in court from the Senate showed the expense wasn't approved.

In 2010, he called again — this time to do makeup for both him and Harper at a televised G8/G10 event on Parliament Hill. He told her to send her $300 invoice to Maple Ridge.

Last week, a government source told The Canadian Press that the makeup services Harper received that day weren't paid for by taxpayers.

On Thursday, Lambert told a different story.

"On this occasion of the G8, did Prime Minister Harper pay you anything for the services he received, or did you take the $300 to be payment in respect to the services you provided the prime minister?" asked Duffy's lawyer Donald Bayne.

"Yes, your latter," Lambert answered.

Court has already been told the $300 was a flat-rate fee that would not have changed regardless of whether one or two people had their makeup done.

Stephen Lecce, a spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office, continued to insist Thursday that taxpayers didn't pay for Harper's makeup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

REBUTTAL

Duffy's lawyer argues the work done was entirely in keeping with parliamentary business and within Duffy's authority as a senator to subcontract tasks.

VANCOUVER INDIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS SIKH TEMPLE
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrive at the Gurdwara Khalsa Diwan, a Sikh temple, in Vancouver on Thursday. Dozens of placard-waving protesters gathered about a block away as Modi arrived. Their shouts could be heard at the Sikh temple before Modi showed up, smiling and waving. Police cordoned off the building where Modi and Harper were to spend about 30 minutes before travelling to a Hindu temple in Surrey, B.C. Several hundred people were inside to see Modi, the first Indian prime minister to visit the oldest Sikh temple in North America. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police: Muslims threw Christians overboard

MIGRATION CRISIS

Accusations fly of homicide, religious hate

Italy's migration crisis took on a deadly new twist Thursday as police in Sicily reported that Muslim migrants had thrown 12 Christians overboard during a recent crossing from Libya, and an aid group said another 41 were feared drowned in a separate incident.

Palermo police said they had detained 15 people suspected in the high-seas assault, which they learned of while interviewing tearful survivors from Nigeria and Ghana who had arrived in Palermo on Wednesday morning after being rescued at sea by the ship Ellensborg.

The 15 were accused of multiple homicide aggravated by religious hatred, police said in a statement.

The survivors said they had boarded a rubber boat April 14 on the Libyan coast with 105 passengers aboard, part of the wave of migrants taking advantage of calm seas and warm weather to make the risky crossing from Libya, where most smuggling operations originate.

During the crossing, the migrants from Nigeria and Ghana — believed to be Christians — were threatened with being abandoned at sea by some 15 other passengers from the Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mali and Guinea Bissau.

Eventually the threat was carried out, and 12 were pushed overboard. The statement said the motive was that the victims "professed the Christian faith, while the aggressors were Muslim."

The surviving Christians, the statement said, only managed to stay on board by forming a "human chain" to resist the assault.

Earlier Thursday, the International Organization of Migration said four migrants who were picked up in recent days by the Italian Navy reported a shipwreck to aid workers after arriving in the Italian port of Trapani on Thursday. Their boat had originally been carrying 45 people; the others are presumed dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10,000

An unprecedented wave of migrants has headed for the European Union's promised shores over the past week, with 10,000 people making the trip. Hundreds — nobody knows how many — have disappeared into the Mediterranean, including 41 migrants reported dead Thursday after a shipwreck.

Migrants are transferred to holding centres after disembarking from the Italian Coast Guard ship Dattilo on Thursday. CARMELO IMBESI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Guards protect last male rhino of his kind

The world's only remaining male northern white rhino is now under armed guard all day and night, and an online campaign is looking to raise funds to keep these "rhino rangers" to help protect the subspecies from extinction.

Kenya's Ol Pejeta Conservancy has launched a GoFundMe campaign aiming to crowdfund 75,000 pounds, or $136,000 Canadian dollars, to help employ rangers to protect 42-year-old Sudan and other animals.

Rhinos have become targets for poachers, fueled by belief in Asia that their horns have medicinal properties.

In addition to the armed security, and using anti-poaching dogs, the conservancy attaches radio transmitters to the animals in order to collect intelligence on poaching in the area.

The 36,400-hectare reserve is home to two other northern white rhinos — of the only five remaining in the world.

The fate of keeping the northern cousins alive rests on Sudan and his ability to conceive with either of the conservancy's female rhinos. METRO

IN BRIEF

Thousands flee as ISIL advances on Ramadi, Iraq

More than 2,000 families have fled the Iraqi city of Ramadi with little more than the clothes on their backs, officials said Thursday, as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) closed in on the capital of western Anbar province, clashing with Iraqi troops and turning it into a ghost town.

The extremist group, which has controlled the nearby city of Fallujah for more than a year, captured three villages on Ramadi's eastern outskirts on Wednesday.

The advance is widely seen as a counteroffensive after ISIL lost the city of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, earlier this month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Which would you choose?

FINANCE SURGING STOCK Kristina Salen, centre left, Etsy's chief financial officer, stands with Chad Dickerson, centre right, chairman and chief executive officer, to celebrate the company's IPO with employees and guests at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York on Thursday. Shares of arts-and-crafts retailer Etsy surged in opening trading on the Nasdaq. After pricing at $16 late Wednesday, the stock opened at nearly double that and hit a high of $35.73 in morning trading. The company is valued at $3.33 billion, based on afternoon trading just shy of $30. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cirque du soleil sale imminent

CULTURE

Deal would give 60% majority share to TPG Capital

Emotions are running high at Cirque du soleil as the company is preparing to announce the sale of the famed Quebec circus troupe on Monday even though co-founder Guy Laliberte has yet to fully sign off on the transaction.

Employees are sad because an era in one of Quebec's creative success stories seems to be on the verge of change, said a former senior official who remains close to old colleagues.

"I'm very emotional because it's the end of something extraordinary," said the source, who didn't want to be identified.

Laliberte told workers on Wednesday he had not yet concluded a sale agreement, which reports say would be for something under $2 billion.

"To be perfectly honest, there are a lot of discussions taking place at the moment," Laliberte wrote in a short email. "However, and as I usually do, be sure that you will be the first informed."

Sources close to the deal say U.S. private equity firm TPG Capital is close to completing a deal that involves Quebec pension fund manager the Caisse de depot and a large Chinese investment fund.

Laliberte would reportedly continue to hold 10 per cent of the company after the sale and the Caisse another 10 per cent, with TPG holding 60 per cent and China's Fosun Capital the remaining 20 per cent.

The new owners plan to maintain the Cirque's headquarters in Montreal and would expand its global operations by opening a support office in Shanghai, where Fosun is based.

"Any transaction would involve both the management and creative soul of the company remaining in Montreal," said a source close to the deal. "TPG very much appreciates the unique cultural heritage of the Cirque."

> **It's the end of something extraordinary.**
> Former Cirque employee

TPG is the world's largest casino owner with a stake in Caesar's Entertainment, while Fosun owns Club Med resorts.

While the Quebec government has said it wants the Cirque's head office to remain in the province in the event of a sale, Premier Philippe Couillard said Thursday in the legislature that it won't intervene in "a private transaction."

The purchase price is reportedly less than what Laliberte was seeking. But after a 30-year run, it's natural for a billionaire entrepreneur to sell his company as the product matures, competition increases and the public reacts more slowly to the offering, said Nadeau, who now heads Quebec's Institute for Governance of Private and Public Organizations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bell faces $750M lawsuit for tracking cellphone usage

A national class action lawsuit has been filed against Bell Canada over alleged breaches of privacy arising from its recently discontinued target ads program.

The suit against subsidiaries of Bell alleges that the defendants used the program to track, collect and sell the sensitive account and Internet browsing information of their customers to advertisers.

It seeks $750-million in damages for breach of privacy, breach of contract and breach of the Telecommunications Act.

A spokesman for Bell was not immediately available for comment on the allegations contained in the lawsuit.

"The Relevant Ads Program was a misguided attempt by a Canadian telecommunications company to generate advertising revenue," said Ted Charney of Charney Lawyers. "If allowed to proceed, it constitutes a threat to the core privacy rights of all Canadians." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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It's going to be a very busy summer for the TTC as we continue to modernize the network and deliver a transit system that makes Toronto proud.

Construction season is upon us and TTC crews are working around the clock to renew the streetcar intersection at College and Spadina – just one of many essential projects in our ongoing program to maintain the existing system in a state of good repair.

At Union Station, the top-to-bottom renovation of the subway station is almost complete and we look forward to welcoming customers to this stunning new facility in a matter of weeks. Meanwhile, work is progressing well on the new Leslie Barns streetcar carhouse and connection track south of Queen Street East, both due to be substantially complete by early summer.

Starting in May, we will add service to cut wait times and reduce crowding on many routes across the network, initiatives that were enabled by the recent increase in our funding.

While all this is going on, our operations and service delivery teams are gearing up to transport hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games over July and August.

These events and additional services require hundreds more operators, so a huge recruitment and training exercise has been carried out to ensure we are ready.

Throw in the ongoing introduction of new streetcars, continued progress on the subway extension to York Region and the progressive roll-out of our new PRESTO smart card and these are indeed busy times at the TTC.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name: Raffaele Maiolo
Position: Janitor
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Week ending April 15, 2015

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SCHEDULED SUBWAY CLOSURE CANCELLED

This weekend's previously scheduled Line 1 subway closure between Union and St Andrew stations has been cancelled, as substantial progress was made on the artwall installation and platform last weekend. The next closure will occur May 2 - 3, when trains will bypass Union Station to allow crews to complete the final platform and concourse finishes.

TTC BUSES TO DIVERT FOR METROLINX CONSTRUCTION

Eglinton Ave. W. will be closed this weekend from Bathurst St. to Marlee Ave. for Metrolinx construction. Customers can board 109 Ranee and 63 Ossington buses at Eglinton Ave. and Oakwood Ave., or the 32 Eglinton West bus at St Clair West Station. Allen Road will also be closed, resulting in increased traffic congestion. Please leave additional travel time. The closure begins tonight at 9 p.m., with the roads reopening Monday at 5 a.m. For diversion details, visit ttc.ca.

TTC ROUTES TO DIVERT FOR TORONTO YONGE ST. 10K

On Sunday, April 19, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., Yonge Street will be closed in sections from Eglinton Ave. to Harbourfront Ave. for the Toronto Yonge Street 10K Run. During the closure, customers will experience delays on a number of TTC routes including the 6 Bay, 94 Wellesley, 300 Bloor-Danforth, 97-320 Yonge buses and 501 Queen, 504 King, 505 Dundas, 506 Carlton 509 Harbourfront, 510 Spadina, 511 Bathurst and 512 St Clair streetcars. For diversion details, visit ttc.ca.

ASK TTC

As a frequent subway user I must admit that most disgusting thing people constantly seem to be doing is eating HOT food while travelling in the train. Is there any chance of having signs posted asking people not to eat while in the train? Mind you just the other day I witnessed something even better than that. One man put his foot up and was clipping his TOE nails while travelling. No comment on that one.

Thank you and keep up the good work, John

Food is not banned on the TTC, as some customers require sustenance during long journeys for medical reasons. We ask our customers, however, to please be considerate of their fellow riders when eating, and to take their garbage with them when leaving a vehicle. For a light-hearted look at transit etiquette, check out the "Personal Car" April Fool's Day video we made a couple of years ago: youtube.com/OfficialTTCchannel.

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Happy face/Sad face

From an update on **marijuana use** to the lowdown on **discrimination** in the lab, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week.

World's most unhorrible boss

Seattle's Dan Price took a 90 per cent, $930,000 pay cut at his payment-processing company so he could raise salaries for his 120 staff. From an annual average of $48,000, everyone will be making at least $70,000 by 2018. There's greater inequality today than there's been since the Great Recession, Price observed. "This is a capitalist solution to a social problem," he said. "I think it pays for itself, I really do."

All the dope on declining dope use

Statistics Canada reports marijuana use may be down among teens and young adults. The percentage of 15- to 24-year-olds who've partaken dropped from 2002 to 2012. Gender-wise, 49 per cent of males have tried it compared to 36 per cent of females. Nor is it necessarily a gateway drug: most cocaine and heroin users have used marijuana. But most marijuana users have never used other illicit drugs.

A water hazard with real teeth

There were no crocodile tears for golfer John Lahiff, 75, after he was bitten in the right calf at a resort in northern Australia. "It's partly my fault for disturbing it," he said stoically. "It was just sunbaking." He was navigating a water trap when the 1.2-metre croc showed up. Attacks from younger crocs are rare, said local authorities. But he's lucky it was little. Adult crocs can measure six metres long, with teeth to match.

Scientists want fame for females, too

UBC scientists Judy Illes and Catherine Anderson quit the selection committee of the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame after only men were nominated for the second year in a row. The public does the nominating, but Illes said more could be done to change perceptions that science is a male pursuit. "To have zero women two years in a row signifies a failure on our part to really reach out as needed."

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THE KOHLER REPORT
Rebecca Kohler

Last week I went to a sad birthday party to which I was the seventh and last guest to arrive. There's nothing wrong with a small party, unless it wasn't planned as a small party.

What made this one particularly heartbreaking was that in the middle of the room sat a giant charcuterie plate — picture a surfboard covered in salami and paté. When the butcher (charcuterie artist?) had asked how many guests were expected, the birthday girl had estimated 25 based on her Facebook invite: 28 "attending," nine "maybes." With me as the final arrival, let's just say she was eating salty meats for several days afterward.

With this not being the first under-attended party I've been at over the past year, I got to wondering: has Facebook made us flakier than skin in winter?

I've suffered similar humiliations. When I threw a party last New Year's Eve, my Facebook invitation boasted 30 confirmed attendees. Instead, I rang in 2014 among an awkward mix of 11 people I kind of knew. The biggest sting wasn't just people not showing up; it was who hadn't shown up — close friends who'd made comments on the invite like, "See you tonight!" and "Can't wait!"

Should auld acquaintance be forgot? Uh, if you're not even going to show up to my party, then yeah, forget you. The only thing worse than waking up on Jan. 1 hung over after a big party is waking up hung over after a tiny party. "Happy New Year! You're a loser!"

People have been bailing on plans since the beginning of time — I'm sure there was once a lonely caveman standing in an empty cave with an abundance of fire and paleo snacks — but because of the removed nature of "e-vites," our inability to commit is out of control. Clicking on a virtual button is way less of an emotional investment than speaking or making eye contact.

And I get it: Facebook and other social-networking sites have expanded my IRL social life greatly. I'm a comedian, so I have 2,033 FB friends. I probably know like 42 of them (and like like 15 of them) but I get invited to ALL of their events.

It's only human: you see an invite and you want to look like you care, you want to look social, so you press "Going" or "Join." But often we click whether we intend to go or not, forgetting that at the other end of the Internet is a friend or acquaintance who sees our acceptance with glee. That person then starts excitedly planning and vacuuming and putting melon balls and prosciutto on toothpicks.

There is a disconnect between your mouse and that person's feelings that we need to address. We need to revisit our callous clicking because the more you try to look like you care online, the more of an uncaring monster you look in real life.

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LIVING BELOW THE LINE

Follow Metro's Gilbert Ngabo as he attempts to live on just $1.75 a day for one week

Gilbert Ngabo

$1.75 isn't a lot of money.

To many, that's barely enough for a small cup of coffee in the morning or a small bag of chips to munch on while wearing down the afternoon.

In Toronto, it can't even buy you a ride on the TTC.

Would it then come as a surprise to know that some people depend on that amount — or less — for their daily survival? It's a fact of life for more than a billion people around the world, according to 2011 World Bank statistics.

"We are talking about the world's poorest of the poor," said Dominic Mishio, Canada director of the Global Poverty Project.

Mishio's initiative is, for the third year in a row, challenging Canadians to experience what life below the poverty line feels like. I am taking up the challenge. For five days — starting Monday — I'll have to figure out how to budget and survive on just $1.75 a day.

I grew up watching extreme poverty around me. The majority of children in my native village in Rwanda didn't have access to clean water, let alone healthy food and milk for their growth. Going to school was an absolute privilege. People would get sick and die from lack of medical treatment.

What Live Below the Line aims to do is raise awareness about these issues around the world. It's the kind of stuff that you and I don't necessarily think about every day as we go to work, read the news and watch TV.

The numbers may have decreased over the years, but extreme poverty is still a reality in many parts of the world. And even taking on the challenge doesn't come close to feeling the full weight of the poor's reality.

"You have to understand that for these people, it's not just a weekly challenge but a reality of their everyday life," Mishio said.

For people experiencing extreme poverty, $1.75 would include the cost of education, housing, clothing and other needs.

Would it come as a surprise to know that some people depend on that amount or less for their daily survival?

Live Below the Line has raised more than $250,000 in the past two years for various charities working to alleviate poverty in sub-Saharan African countries.

"For five days I was extremely hungry and I wasn't happy or cheerful at all," said Lindsay White, a teacher at an international school in Scarborough who participated last year and has signed up again.

"But at the end of it you get this surreal appreciation of life," she said, adding that she participates to show her students that poverty and hunger are big problems in this world and that everyone needs to do their part to solve it.

That's the same appreciation that is driving me. No one should be living the reality I witnessed growing up.

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NEW RELEASE

Unfriended is social commentary masked as a horror film

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse

The best horror films are never only about the Double Gs — guts and gore.

Sure, part of the appeal of scary movies is that they make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end, and that frequently requires a spray of blood or a nightmarish vision of terror in the form of Freddy Kruger or Jason Voorhees, but great horror films are always about something other than the thrills and chills.

To be truly effective, scary pictures must tap into a collective anxiety; societal hot buttons that elevate the frights to a new level.

For instance, Frankenstein plays on people's fear of science while Godzilla is an obvious cultural metaphor for nuclear weapons in reaction to the devastation of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and you don't have to be Sigmund Freud to see Dracula as the metaphorical embodiment of everything from drug addiction and old age to alternative lifestyles and capitalism.

Perhaps the most socially self-aware horror film of all is Night of the Living Dead. It's got zombies galore but director George A. Romero had the braaaiiins to include a subtext that echoed the contemporary state of America's race relations, the horrors of Vietnam and cynicism with government. It's the best of both worlds: a thought-provoking movie that gushes with gore.

Film historian Linda Badley suggests Night of the Living Dead horrifies because the zombies weren't bizarre creatures from outer space or from Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory, but because, "They're us."

This weekend a new film, Unfriended, turns the camera, or in this case the Skype screen, on us in an eerie story about bullying.

On the surface, Unfriended may look like a cheapo teen horror flick with a cast of unknowns — which it is, but so was Night of the Living Dead — but by basing the plot in the world of social media and the bad behaviour that comes along with anonymous avatars, it becomes a ripped-from-the-headlines comment on a very touchy societal subject.

The movie begins a year after Laura, a popular high school student, has been cyber shamed into killing herself.

A teenage girl is on a group Skype session when she begins to receive cryptic and threatening messages from Laura's old account. As the movie unfolds, secrets are revealed and the danger is amped up.

The mysterious killer is a hoary old horror convention, but here it's told in the contemporary language of millennials.

Unsurprisingly, the movie has already sparked the interest of the Y Generation — the trailer garnered almost 300,000 Twitter comments on its first day. Millenials relate to the setting (by and large, it takes place on a computer screen) and are all too familiar with the everyday brutality of Twitter, Facebook, Skype, Instagram and Spotify.

They understand what a minefield the web can be and the filmmakers realized the narrative possibilities of creating cinema's first deadly Internet troll. Freddy Kruger is your father's baddie; the new horror comes in bits and bytes.

Similar to Psycho's Norman Bates or the undead of 28 Days Later, the kids of Unfriended tell a very specific story — the sad tale of a teen suicide — that becomes a universal horror tale by making the characters and setting ordinary and relatable.

Like the best of classic fright films, it breathes new life into a form we've seen before by recontextualizing it for a new generation.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Unfriended ★★★★
Monkey Kingdom ★★★★
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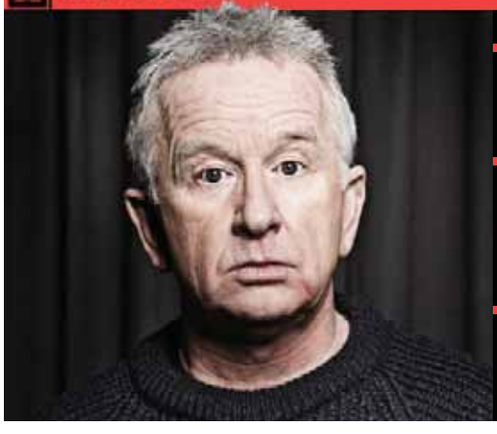

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MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

Beyond the Reach

Director: Jean-Baptiste Léonetti
Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Michael Douglas

A high-rolling corporate shark (Michael Douglas) and his impoverished young guide (Jeremy Irvine) play the most dangerous game during a hunting trip in the Mojave Desert.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 43% Audience: 73%

DRAMA

Desert Dancer

Director: Richard Raymond
Starring: Reece Ritchie, Freida Pinto

Set in Iran, this powerful true story follows the brave ambition of Afshin Ghaffarian, who along with friends risk their lives and form an underground dance company.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 36% Audience: 73%

COMEDY

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2

Director: Andy Fickman
Starring: Kevin James, Nick Bakay

After six years of keeping our malls safe, Paul Blart has earned a well-deserved vacation. He heads to Vegas with his teenage daughter before she heads off to college. But safety never takes a holiday.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 0% Audience: 87%

DRAMA

True Story

Director: Rupert Goold
Starring: Jonah Hill, James Franco

When disgraced New York Times reporter Michael Finkel (Jonah Hill) meets accused killer Christian Longo (James Franco) — who has taken on Finkel's identity — his investigation morphs into an unforgettable game of cat-and-mouse. Based on actual events.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 53% Audience: 96%

MYSTERY & HORROR

Unfriended

Director: Levan Gabriadze
Starring: Shelley Henning, Moses Jacob Storm

Unfriended unfolds over a teenager's computer screen as she and her friends are stalked by an unseen figure who seeks vengeance for a shaming video that led a vicious bully to kill herself a year earlier.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 89% Audience: 91%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

The Dead Lands

Director: Toa Fraser
Starring: George Henare, James Rolleston

Hongi (James Rolleston) — a Maori chieftain's teenage son — must avenge his father's murder in order to bring peace and honour to the souls of his loved ones after his tribe is slaughtered.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 60% Audience: 64%

DOCUMENTARY

Monkey Kingdom

Director: Mark Linfield , Alastair Fothergill

Mark Linfield's nature documentary Monkey Kingdom follows the struggles of a young monkey mother to care for and raise her new baby in the wilds of Southern Asia.

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Michael Douglas, unhinged

PREMIERE

Acting legend at full throttle in Beyond the Reach thriller

Chris Alexander
Metro | Life

Michael Douglas co-stars in Jean-Baptiste Léonetti's new thriller. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sitting in a room with Hollywood legend Michael Douglas is a borderline supernatural experience.

Not only is Douglas bona fide cinema royalty (he is the son of the iconic Kirk Douglas and a veteran award-winning actor and producer in his own right), but it was only a few short years ago that he wasn't expected to live, written off as terminal by tabloids and reliable news portals alike as he battled the late stages of a rare kind of throat cancer.

But survive Douglas did and, against all odds, he even thrived, first winning a well-deserved Emmy for his portrayal of Liberace in Steven Soderbergh's Behind the Candelabra, then signing on as the lead in Marvel's upcoming Ant-Man and now, serving as the co-star and producer of director Jean-Baptiste Léonetti's pulse-pounding new thriller Beyond the Reach.

The film (based on a young-adult book called Deathwatch by Robb White) sees Douglas playing a kind of rugged riff on his Wall Street character, Gordon Gekko, as a millionaire game hunter who takes a young man (Jeremy Irvine) with him into the Mojave Desert to hunt a rare big-horned ram. When tragedy strikes, the desperate Douglas turns his target on his protégé, with terrifying results. It's a fine film with a full-throttle, unhinged and unpredictable Douglas performance.

> **Getting one of these indie movies made is never easy.**
> Michael Douglas

"I wanted to do it," Douglas told us at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

"I was always going to produce it, right from the beginning, but I thought that as far as getting one of these indie movies made, which is never easy anymore, that my presence in the actual movie would be able to add something."

His scenery-devouring turn — over the top, yet always expertly controlled — pushes Beyond the Reach into the abstract. "This character is a West Coast millionaire who has it all and is always in control. But he flips out when pushed too far. When he's pushed to extremes, the beast comes out. I wanted to dissolve into the worst motherf—er alive."

IN BRIEF

Douglas loves his work, but not the artifice of film

Michael Douglas' broad-strokes performance in Beyond the Reach is offset by stunning location desert photography.

"We shot ... at Shiprock in New Mexico," he says, adding, "If you're going to film in New Mexico, it's essential you get a grip crew locally. These guys were like another species of human being ... (they) go up these mountains, carrying cases and cameras, doing impossible things."

While Douglas still takes joy in working and, post-recovery, has become more prolific, the artifice of cinema leaves him cold. "Too many times I'll watch a film and it ends exactly how I thought it was going to end," he says.

"I love sporting events more because you never know how they will turn out. But after I wrap a film, when it's done, I only watch it once. Only once. And then I'm done. See, I love the process of making movies. Not so much the process of watching them."

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Netflix has confirmed its fourth order of Orange Is the New Black, though the company is yet to reveal how many episodes season 4 will consist of.

A new teaser for the prison-set comedy drama starring Taylor Schilling was released earlier this week. Season 3 will premiere in on the streaming service in June.

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OITNB star Taylor Schilling
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ADAPTATIONS

Is Jolie set to direct Captain Marvel?

Collider claims that Angelina Jolie, who most recently directed biopic Unbroken, is being considered for the latest Marvel Studios project.

Captain Marvel, a.k.a. Carol Danvers, is one of the highest-profile female superheroes in the Marvel comic-book canon, and so the studio has already signed up two of Hollywood's top female screenwriters — Nicole Perlman and Meg LeFauve — to ensure a faithful transition from page to screen.

Although other publications have questioned the validity of the story — Jolie has also been linked with the vacant Wonder Woman director's chair — Collider is standing by its studio sources.

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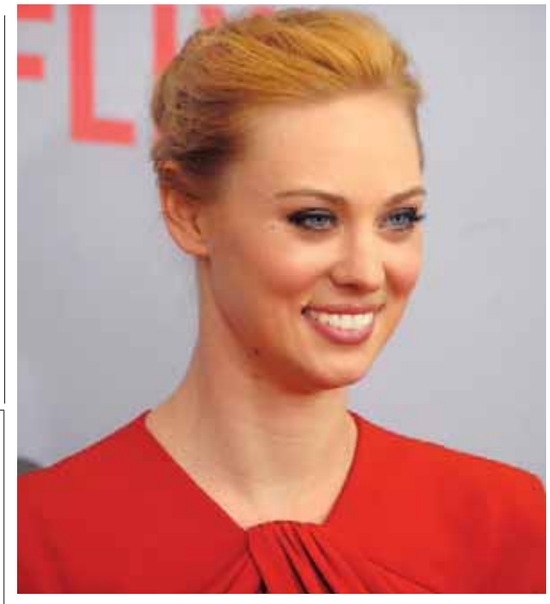

Deborah Ann Woll stars as Karen Page in Daredevil. GETTY IMAGES

Daredevil star 'a very proud dork'

DEBORAH ANN WOLL

Marvel character starts off sweet but turns into a drug addict

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life

> **"Dungeons and Dragons isn't like acting, but it is that idea that you can be braver when you're someone else."**
> Actress Deborah Ann Woll, on role-playing games

A quick Internet search turns up many adjectives used to describe Daredevil star Deborah Ann Woll; gorgeous, talented and cute to name just a few.

The redheaded actress uses other terms to describe herself.

"There's nerd, geek, all those words," she says. "I am settling closer and closer to dork. I am a very proud dork."

The former True Blood star — she played fierce teenage vampire Jessica Hamby for seven seasons on the hit show — embraces her inner dork — "I'm Dungeons and Dragons player, a Mystery Science Theatre buff. I like board games."

She says the role playing games have benefits beyond entertainment value.

"Something like Dungeons and Dragons or a board game is a way for me to be social but it takes some of the responsibility off of me myself. If I don't feel impressive as myself, I can feel impressive as Mistress Pyrona, the Genosi Sword Maiden. Like my acting, it gives me a little bit of support."

On the Netflix series Daredevil, she plays Karen Page, secretary and soon-to-be love interest of Matt Murdock, a blind lawyer who moonlights as crime fighter Daredevil.

The character has been around since the first Daredevil comic in 1964 but has changed substantially over the years. Page began as innocent and sweet, but slowly morphed into a "heroin-addicted porn star," a character that gives Woll lots to work with.

"I like characters that change. For my Karen I said, 'All right, she's going to have moments when she's innocent, sweet and fun to be around and she'll have moments where she's dark and a little addicted to that adrenalin rush and danger. I want both of those things to live in her at the same time.'"

The crazy world of reality TV

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TV BLIND TO THE DANGER?

Taking big risks

Another trend is that reality TV programs appear to be competing with each other to come up with ever more dangerous activities to put their contestants through.

The "fear factor" is what counts, says TV expert Virginia Mouseler, in shows such as Bullseye, where contestants are catapulted into the air by a giant elastic band, made to stand on the roof of a moving van or dragged through fire.

Blindfolded from Sweden blindfolds its contestants and places them in increasingly terrifying situations — which they have to face — all for a prize of $50,000.

But there are no prizes in The Raft, from the U.S. — just the satisfaction of surviving. Contestants are put in a raft without food or water and have to survive for a week in shark-infested waters. AFP

TRENDS

Birthing ladies and priests looking for love just some on-tap ideas

Naked and stripped of all possessions in an empty flat, what will you choose to have back first: clothes or food?

That's the idea behind Stripped, a new reality TV show from Denmark — one of many weird and wonderful concepts unveiled in the French Riviera resort of Cannes at a gathering of top TV bosses.

Viewers can look forward this year to love-sick priests, super-talented child musicians, manhunts, puppet competitions and ever more dangerous challenges, said TV expert Virginia Mouseler of The Wit, a television consultancy.

The market for reality TV ideas — "formats" in the professional jargon — is worth a staggering $2.1 billion.

A key trend in this year's crop: classical music.

The British series The Choir — in which contestants with little singing experience come together for professional training before a live performance — enjoyed huge success and is spawning spinoffs.

In the Netherlands, The Orchestra of the Nation picks up the same idea, following 65 amateur musicians who come together to play in Amsterdam's biggest concert hall.

Artistic talent is also brought to the fore in "prodigies," a hit on French TV last year, where children compete in the classical arts of music, singing and dance.

As in other areas of life, sex sells — even in unexpected quarters.

Pray for Love from Sweden follows the amorous adventures of priests looking for earthly love.

And Father Pride follows the fortunes of gay sons and their disapproving fathers. It builds up to the gay pride march in Buenos Aires, where the key question is whether the father will join his son or not.

Other shows unveiled at the Cannes shindig ranged from the insane to the downright ridiculous.

A Hungarian show invites participants to get as drunk as possible — with a breath test to make sure they are actually tipsy — and then perform a series of tricky challenges.

Audience participation is the key in Run!, where contestants are hunted down by detectives and receive tips via Twitter from those watching at home.

The Puppet Show from the Netherlands is exactly what the name suggests — a puppet talent show, presented, of course, by a puppet.

But the top prize for the most extreme reality TV show must go to Labor Games from the U.S. Women about to go into labour are surprised by a TV crew who rush in and ask them a series of questions. The prize? Presents for their as-yet unborn child. AFP

This ain't no Survivor! The Raft plops people into shark-infested waters without food or water. CONTRIBUTED

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Sequels that really sucked

Chris Alexander
Metro I Life

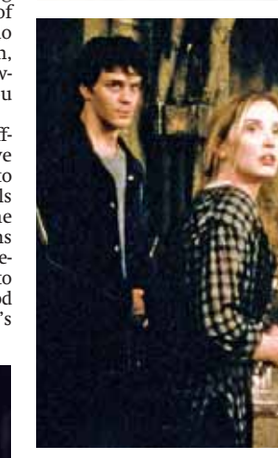
Back in 2009, this critic drew the short straw and was assigned by my cruel editor to cover the movie Paul Blart: Mall Cop. The film featured King of Queens star Kevin James as an overweight, simple-minded, Segway-riding mall security guard with delusions of grandeur who ends up foiling a bank robbery and getting the girl. The film is as flat as can be: a laugh-free, dim-bulb wallow in "fat guy" humour and tacky action set pieces.

But Blart went on to become a surprise box-office hit. And now, five years later, James is back in his button-straining white work shirt, wheeling through the running time of Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. And lo and behold, here we are again, dear Metro readers, me drawing the short straw and you reading my words.

But this time, instead of riffing on the film itself, we've opted to turn our attention to a slew of other studio sequels that nobody asked for. Some are followups to iconic films that should have remained one-shots; some are companions to pictures that weren't very good to begin with. But one thing's for sure: all of them stink!

Staying Alive

Travolta may have sat Grease 2 out, but he showed up for director Sylvester Stallone's wildly awful followup to Saturday Night Fever. In it, Travolta's macho doofus Tony is still strutting around NYC and still angst ridden, but this time he's gunning for his big Broadway break. Said break is an operatic dance number called Satan's Alley that is perhaps the most bloated and ridiculous spectacle you'll ever see. Stallone's brother Frank wrote the music. And it's not good.

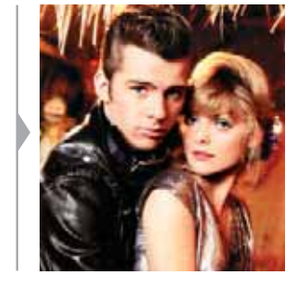


An American Werewolf in Paris

John Landis' 1981 classic An American Werewolf in London is a fascinating horror/comedy hybrid full of stark terror, imagination, eroticism and heart as well as revolutionary Rick Baker designed makeup gags. This limp, belated and virtually unrelated sequel has none of these qualities, armed as it is with a chemistry-free cast, shoddy digital effects and no atmosphere whatsoever. Blech!

Grease 2

The original Grease was and remains an immaculate confection, with endlessly singable tunes, John Travolta in peak form and groovy dance numbers. The woefully inept, Travolta-free, Grease 2 has a young Michelle Pfeiffer doing her best to make songs about how awesome bowling is, work. She can't...



The Pink Panther 2

Steve Martin once more insults the memory of Peter Sellers' patented Inspector Clouseau from the classic Pink Panther films. As bad as Martin is here, the criminal waste of a great supporting cast is far worse. The scene in which Martin and French legend Jean Reno dance around the kitchen singing "jojoba" will have you pining for the comedic heights of Paul Blart!

Gisele struts off into the sunset

Gisele Bundchen celebrates with fellow models after her final show. ANDRE PENNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUPERMODEL

NFLer husband totally fine with runway retirement

Ned Ehrbar
In Hollywood

Gisele Bundchen has officially retired from the runway life, walking her last catwalk in Brazil this week, and her husband, Tom Brady, decided to take the opportunity to let the world know how into her he is.

"I have never met someone with more of a will to succeed and determination to overcome any obstacle in the way," Tom gushed on Facebook — maybe it was supposed to be a private message instead? "You never cease to amaze me. Nobody loves life more than you and your beauty runs much deeper than what the eye can see. I can't wait to see what's next. I love you."

Then he threw in a couple of hashtags — "#GOAT " and "#thebestisyettocome" — because no heartfelt message is complete without hashtags. Not these days, at least.

As for why Bundchen is putting an end to her successful runway modelling career? Her body told her to.

> **Nobody loves life more than you and your beauty runs much deeper than what the eye can see. I can't wait to see what's next.**
>
> Tom Brady in Facebook note to wife Gisele Bundchen

"Automatically my body tells me if what I do is worth it, and it asked to stop," she told Brazilian newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo. "I respect my body. It's a privilege to be able to stop."

ENGAGED

Nicki Minaj flashes brand new bling

Nicki Minaj is engaged, and she's got the massive heart-shaped ring to prove it! The rapper took to Twitter to reveal the impressive piece of bling given to her by now-fiancé Meek Mill.

"Both Meek and Nicki have been spending amazing quality time together lately and have gotten extremely close these past few months," a source tells E! News.

"It may seem like it all is happening very quickly but Nicki and Meek are in this 100 (per cent). They truly love each other."

And just how impressive is that ring? "This looks like a 15-carat fancy yellow heart modified brilliant cut diamond mounted in platinum with a double halo of white pavé diamonds," jewelry expert Morgan Shara says. "This would retail for approximately $500,000." Damn, girl.

NED EHRBAR/ METRO

IN BRIEF

Sony hack docs now in searchable online archive

Whistleblower site WikiLeaks has put hundreds of thousands of emails and documents from last year's Sony hack into a searchable online archive.

The website founded by Julian Assange says that its database includes more than 170,000 emails from Sony Pictures Entertainment and a subsidiary, plus more than 30,000 other documents.

In December, Sony suffered a crippling cyberattack ahead of the release of the movie The Interview, set in North Korean. An unknown organization leaked the documents and other damaging information online, but not in an easily searchable database.

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In Ex Machina, Alicia Vikander, right, plays a robot with a human face. CONTRIBUTED

Ex Machina puts face on being non-human

SCI-FI

Swedish actress on challenges of robot role

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Alicia Vikander plays a robot with A.I. capabilities in Ex Machina. She talked to Metro while promoting the new film.

Ex Machina is an unusual way to do a sci-fi film: It's very stripped down, its effects organic to the narrative. At times, with its single digit characters, it plays like a play.

It's a chamber piece. To be able to have such long scenes is very rare. Very often you start a scene, you start to get into it, and then it's over. You find a certain path you hadn't taken in another take. In this film you really had the chance to execute whatever new influences or directions you found.

The question in the film is whether Ava, your robotic character, genuinely thinks and feels independent of her programming. How did you approach that?

With any part, even when you're trying to create a new character, you can at least relate to the fact that they're human. With this you couldn't even do that.

I figured that because they were questioning whether she was real or not that her maker must have come very far (in programming her). I wanted her to come very close to that idea. Alex (Garland, the writer-director) was very open about it. I basically had a blank sheet. It was one of those roles you really want because you're quite terrified and scared of taking it on, but you do get to try whatever you want.

It's a film that gets at the heart of what defines consciousness: She's designed, but in a sense we all are.

I could ask myself 10,000 questions. If I said something did I know that I said it? Did I have any intention of saying it?

Was it something I was programmed to say or something I learned? It was scary, because the questions kept coming, one after another. But if you do believe she has a conscience then she's a girl being locked up. And if not, then she's a machine in a space.

WOMAN OR MACHINE

The dynamics of mechanical design

In the movie the scientist, played by Oscar Isaac, creates women, locks them up and then dismantles them if they don't fulfill their duties. Asked if the film can be read as a feminist statement about a man, Viklander says:

"It comes down to the general view of women, and sexualizing them, in our society. But then there's also the fact that she is an object. There's a double-side to it, depending on how you see it.

"Alex wasn't necessarily making a feminist film, but he was bringing up truths in our society."

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East Nashville finds its groove

TENNESSEE

Stroll among eclectic mix of eateries, coffee shops, stores

A trip to Nashville wouldn't be complete without a visit to the honky-tonks of lower Broadway and a pilgrimage to the "mother church of country music," the Ryman Auditorium, but once you've hit those, consider a trip across the river to Nashville's hippest neighbourhood.

East Nashville started out as a separate city of country estates, enjoying a post-Civil War boom in the 1870s and 1880s, according to local historian and East Nashville resident Jim Hoobler.

Beginning in 1916, a huge fire, the Great Depression and flight to the suburbs took their toll. Restoration of the area's many Victorian homes and bungalows began in the 1970s, and has helped turn it into one of the city's most desirable neighbourhoods.

Across the Cumberland River from downtown, East Nashville is the hippest part of the city (top), where Leah Larabell mixes tea at High Garden (bottom left), and handmade flies are on display at Jones Fly Company. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eat, drink and walk Nashville

Today, visitors can easily spend a day or more sampling East Nashville's boutiques, restaurants, brew pubs and clubs. There are too many fun spots to list them all, but a good place to start is the pedestrian-friendly Five Points neighbourhood.

Here Marché Artisan Foods (1000 Main St.) serves up a European-style seasonal menu in a sunny room that is always packed. In addition to sit-down meals, Marché sells baked goods and locally sourced packaged food.

Chef Margot McCormack has another popular restaurant nearby, Margot Café and Bar (1017 Woodland St.), which serves rustic French and Italian cuisine for dinner and Sunday brunch. Reservations can be hard to get, but sometimes there's room at the bar.

A cheaper, humbler meal can be found at I Dream of Weenie (113 S. 11th St.), a hotdog restaurant run out of an old Volkswagen bus. Across the street is the Pied Piper Creamery (114 S. 11th St.), where a signature flavour is Trailer Trash: vanilla ice cream with Oreo, Twix, Butterfinger, Nestle Crunch, Snickers, M&Ms and Reese's Pieces.

New York-style Five Points Pizza (1012 Woodland St.) offers a good selection of local and regional craft beers.

For shopping, a row of tiny boutiques called The Idea Hatchery (1108 Woodland St.) includes everything from an all-local bookstore (East Side Story) to a gourmet oatmeal shop (Haulin' Oats) with lots of vintage and kitsch in between.

Another cluster of boutiques, The Shoppes on Fatherland (1006 Fatherland St.), is within walking distance. Or rent a bicycle for the trip from the nearby Nashville B-cycle station (109 S. 11th St.). Basic rentals are $5 for the first hour, $1.50 each additional half-hour.

Don't miss Jones Fly Co., where workers tie feathers and animal hair around tiny hooks, making mock bug lures that anglers use to fool fish.

For a moment of calm, visit High Garden, selling both traditional teas and herbal infusions with names such as "overworked," "warrior blend" and "airway to heaven." Take a bag to go or share a pot with a friend in the small seating area. There's a selection of books and games for the tables, but laptops are not allowed. Yes, you read that correctly.

"This is not a place to escape, it's a place to be," co-owner Leah Larabell explains.

'Southern artisan chocolate'

Six blocks away is Olive and Sinclair Chocolate Co. (1628 Fatherland St.), where Scott Witherow roasts, stone-grinds and sells what he calls "Southern artisan chocolate." If it's a Saturday, you can tour the factory for $5, including your very own hairnet.

At Barista Parlor (519 B Gallatin Ave.), the coffees have complicated back stories and can be served cold with mixers that make them feel more like cocktails. Food includes inventive house-made "Pop's Tarts," doughnuts and macaroons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A recently launched map allows users to discover Edinburgh via its literary history, while an ongoing mapping project getting buzz this week delves into Shakespeare-era London. With these interactive maps, the world's literary capitals are just a click away. AFP

Edinburgh Castle overlooks the Scottish capital from atop Castle Rock. AFP

Edinburgh as seen by Scott and Stevenson

Launched late last month, Lit Long: Edinburgh incorporates nearly 550 novels, stories, memoirs and journals focusing on the 19th and early 20th centuries — Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and Muriel Spark all appear — but also tying in works by the likes of Alexander McCall Smith and Irvine Welsh. The map is the visual, interactive output of the Palimpsest project, created to mine texts such as these. **litlong.org**

Shakespeare's London

Prof. Janelle Jenstad of the University of Victoria is behind the Map of Early Modern London (MoEML), which uses a 1560s woodcut map of London known as the "Agas" map and overlays it with references to people, places, topics and terms to provide a virtual visit of Shakespeare-era London. The Atlantic's CityLab featured the map this week.
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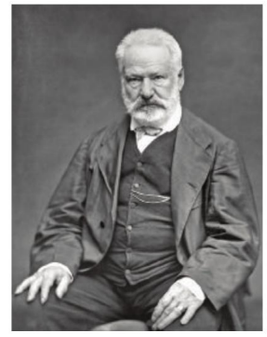

The France of Hugo and Flaubert

You may need to brush up on your French for this one, but Cartographie littéraire de la France by the Strasbourg bookstore Ivres de Livres covers the rich literary past of not just Paris but of the country as a whole. Follow Victor Hugo (pictured) and Émile Zola through the streets of Paris, or see Normandy as Flaubert depicted it in Madame Bovary.
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San Francisco, city of Beats

The San Francisco Chronicle has created The Literary City, with references from The Kite Runner, The Joy Luck Club (by Amy Tan, pictured), The Maltese Falcon and A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius all matched to their location in the city, and a number of key Beat hangouts all given their due.
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Usain Bolt confirmed in Rio Thursday that the 2016 Olympics will indeed be his last

Raptors president and general manager Masai Ujiri was careful not to drop any F-bombs during a news conference on Thursday. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raps not short on belief

NBA

Team confident with playoff experience from a year ago

Masai Ujiri didn't have to hurl profanities to fire back. He just gave a wink and a nod to the last time he did, when his Toronto Raptors were greener and perhaps less sure of themselves; when he dropped that F-bomb to announce the team's arrival as a playoff contender and demand the respect of the NBA world.

One year later, here he was, general manager of the best-performing Raptors team ever, answering to disparaging comments from their first round opponent's veteran superstar, Paul Pierce of the Washington Wizards.

"I honestly don't have enough money to respond to him," said Ujiri, referring to how he was fined $25,000 for his "f— Brooklyn" rallying cry last spring.

"But if I did have enough money," he continued with a wry smile, "I think everybody knows how I would respond to it, and how the whole of Toronto would respond."

The team GM spoke at a pre-playoffs press conference on Thursday, a sort of state of the union whose thrust was that, this time around, the Raptors are more confident, more experienced and readier for the first round, which begins with Game 1 against the Wizards at the Air Canada Centre on Saturday afternoon.

The Raptors wrapped up the regular season on Wednesday with their 49th win of the year, marking a new franchise victory record.

And while Toronto swept the Wizards in three games this year, the playoffs are a different beast altogether, as many members of this team now know, having fallen to Brooklyn in seven games last year, Ujiri said.

"Just being in the playoffs, it's such a different season, the intensity and what's at stake," he said, adding that he believes team leaders like Kyle Lowry, Amir Johnson and DeMar DeRozan have a better understanding of that post-season mindset.

"Last year we were underdogs," Ujiri said. "We're not underdogs anymore. We want to play and we hope, going forward, this is normal for us and we're excited about this time of the year."

Terrence Ross, Toronto's starting shooting forward, is one of the players Ujiri said can be expected to perform better than the playoffs last year, when he averaged just five points per game and converted only .167 per cent of his three point shots.

Ujiri added that centre Jonas Valanciunas, will also hopefully elevate his game against the Wizards formidable frontcourt, which features Marcin Gortat, Nene Hilario and Kris Humphries.

Another perceived challenge for the Raptors will be their ability to stop the speedy Wizards backcourt, anchored by point guard John Wall and his linemate Bradley Beal.

Lowry, who addressed reporters after Ujiri along with DeRozan and coach Dwane Casey, said Wall is one of the most athletic point guards in the league, and that the series will bring added pressure on himself and DeRozan.

"We got great teammates and they're going to do their jobs and do what they have to do, but at the end of the day things are going to go through me and DeMar," said Lowry.

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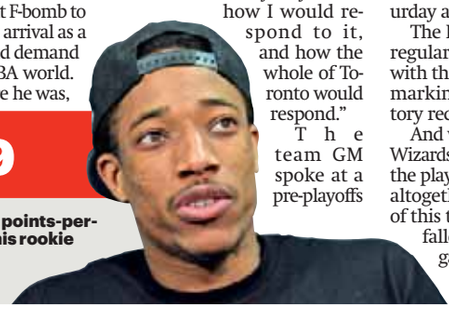

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DeMar DeRozan's points-per-game average in his rookie playoffs last year

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SERIES PREVIEW

REGULAR SEASON RECORDS: The fourth-seeded Raptors won a franchise-best 49 games while losing 33. The Wizards are the fifth seed in the East after going 46-36.

SEASON SERIES: Raptors, 3-0. One of the wins was in overtime and another went down to the buzzer, but out of the first 103 minutes where the teams went head-to-head this season the Raptors trailed for all of 23 seconds.

STORYLINE: Will this be the breakthrough for the Raptors? They've never won a best-of-seven series and have been past the first round only once, back when those were best-of-five matchups.

KEY MATCHUP 1: Kyle Lowry vs. John Wall. Two of the elite point guards in the game. Lowry could have left Toronto last summer and didn't; Wall shot just 37 per cent in last year's playoffs for Washington and needs to improve that number.

KEY MATCHUP 2: Jonas Valanciunas vs. Marcin Gortat. They're almost identical; both European, both virtually the same height and weight, both shot 57 per cent this year and averaged about 12 points and nine rebounds per game.

X-FACTOR: Paul Pierce. He helped Brooklyn win a Game 7 in Toronto last year, and his recollections of that series should be invaluable to the Wizards now.

AP PREDICTION: Wizards in 7.

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Paul Pierce

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NBA IN BRIEF

Starting again
Sweet-shooting Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors have the NBA's best record, an unmatched home-court advantage, and the understanding that all means nothing now.

"We had a great home record and did some historic things, but that doesn't get you any extra points in the playoffs," Curry said.

"Sometimes I think it's crazy, like, 'Who does something like this?'"

Anthony Davis, referring to some of the gaudy stats he posted on his way to averaging 24.4 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocks per game with the New Orleans Pelicans in the regular season. The rising star will make his playoff debut against league-best Golden State.

Big matchup in Texas
The reward for James Harden and the Rockets after earning the No. 2 seed? A matchup against a Dallas team that won 50 games.

The Rockets outscored the Mavericks just 402-398 in their four meetings.

James back to Boston
LeBron James is back with the Cavaliers, back in the playoffs, back against the Celtics. Of course. Boston ended James' first run with Cleveland in 2010, remember. So how perfect is it that James' second quest to deliver a title to championship-starved Northeast Ohio starts with Boston?

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday
The NBA playoffs begin with four games: Washington visits Toronto before the Warriors host Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans. After that come two short trips: Milwaukee travels to Chicago and Dallas heads to Houston.

Sunday
On Sunday, Atlanta hosts Brooklyn, Portland visits Memphis, and the Los Angeles Clippers welcome San Antonio for the opener of what appears to be the marquee first-round series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Subban's slash on Stone exacerbates animosity

NHL PLAYOFFS

Player's antics sharpen edge of an already intense rivalry

It didn't take long for the Canadiens and Senators to turn up the heat on their playoff series.

Montreal's 4-3 victory in Game 1 of the first-round series on Wednesday — a game that saw Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban ejected for slashing and injuring Ottawa's Mark Stone — has set the tone for a physical, testy series between the rivals.

"The intensity level is there," said Brendan Gallagher after Montreal's morning skate on Thursday. "Each series takes on its own personality. Whatever you're going to get, you just go in and you have to be ready to compete hard.

"That's what their side is doing and that's what our side is doing."

The Canadiens are anticipating more grit and robustness from the Sens in what has already been a hard-hitting matchup. Ottawa dished out 44 hits to Montreal's 42 in the series opener on Wednesday.

And all that physical play came before the return of Ottawa tough guy Chris Neil, who's no stranger to mixing it up. Neil will replace the injured Stone, who is questionable for the rest of the series.

The 215-pound Neil has not played since fracturing his thumb on Feb. 14.

"Having a guy like Neil out there kind of helps mediate the cheap shots," said defenceman Marc Methot, referring to Subban's second-period slash on Stone. "Having him out there will certainly help."

Ottawa coach Dave Cameron suggested his team's smart physical play would get the Senators back in the series.

"I hope we're physical on P.K., on Markov, on all their players," Cameron said. "We're not going to sit back. But I'd be disappointed if my team starts chasing any one player around and we lose the series because we couldn't deal with an incident."

The goal for the Canadiens will be to keep their tempers in check and stay out of the penalty box as the series develops.

In Game 1, Montreal's lack of discipline — particularly Subban's — proved costly. Ottawa scored twice on Subban's five-minute slashing major to tie the game 3-3. The Sens finished 2-for-5 with the man advantage.

"You have to keep a cooler head," said Habs forward Brandon Prust. "You don't want to get too frustrated. You have to stick with your game plan. Don't let your emotions get the best of you because that's when you can take some dumb penalties."

Added Subban: "My focus is to try to lead by example here and the first thing is to be more disciplined starting next game. That's it, that's all."

Game 2 goes Friday at the Bell Centre with the Canadiens leading the series 1-0. The teams then head to Ottawa for the following two games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senators right-winger Mark Stone clutches his wrist after being slashed by Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban on Wednesday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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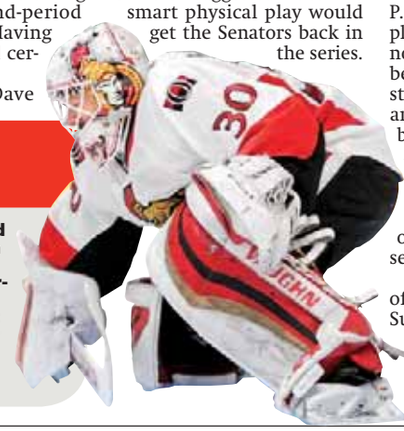
Andrew Hammond gave up more than three goals just twice in 24 regular-season games so the Senators must be hoping the four he gave up in Game 1 were an anomaly.



NEIL FOR STONE

Mark Stone's health is "very questionable" for the rest of the first round of the NHL playoffs, and the Senators are not happy with how it happened.

There was no official word from the NHL on whether P.K. Subban will be suspended, but some reports said the league decided no further discipline was needed.

Senators GM Bryan Murray said it was a premeditated attack on Ottawa's hottest scorer, which Subban denied.

More ominously, tough guy Chris Neil, a healthy scratch for the opener, skated on the fourth line.

Asked if he'll target Subban, Neil said: "I think they get last change. I probably won't get up against him."

PENGUINS AT RANGERS

New York silences Crosby and Malkin

Derick Brassard and Ryan McDonagh scored in the first period and Henrik Lundqvist made the goals stand up as the New York Rangers won the opener of their playoff series with the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 Thursday night.

New York shut down Pittsburgh's top threats, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, for a fourth-straight playoff win over the Penguins. The Rangers won the final three games of a second-round series last year, rallying from a 3-1 deficit.

GAME 1 In Manhattan

NEW YORK	
2	1
RANGERS	PENGUINS

In compiling the best record in the NHL, the Rangers finished 15 points ahead of Pittsburgh in the standings. But after the first period, these were two very even teams.
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Steven Stamkos takes a tumble against the Red Wings on Thursday night in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

RED WINGS AT LIGHTNING

Datsyuk shows Bolts how it's done

Pavel Datsyuk scored twice and Petr Mrazek had 44 saves in his NFL playoff debut to help the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference series Thursday night.

Datsyuk scored on two of the first four shots the Red Wings got against Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop. Luke Glendening's short-handed goal gave Detroit a 3-1 lead early in the third period.

Mrazek, named Detroit's starter for Game 1 over veteran Jimmy Howard, gave up a short-handed goal to Brian Boyle in the first and a late goal to Nikita Nesterov that enabled the Lightning to pull within 3-2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAME 1 In Tampa

3	2
RED WINGS	LIGHTNING

Jays baffled by all of Archer's bull's eyes

MLB

Home team's bats stay cold against Tampa Bay starter

Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer turned in a dominant performance and Tim Beckham hit a two-run homer as the Rays defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 on Thursday night at Rogers Centre.

Archer struck out 11 and allowed just two hits over seven shutout innings to help Tampa Bay (6-4) win for the fifth time in six games. Kevin Kiermaier had two hits and scored twice for the Rays.

Closer Brad Boxberger gave up a run in the ninth inning before picking up his fourth save. Blue Jays starter Aaron Sanchez was uneven over 5-1/3 innings in his second big-league start as Toronto (5-5) fell back to the .500 mark.

Toronto shortstop Jose Reyes left the game after his first at-bat due to soreness in his left side. He was replaced by Ryan Goins, who was called up from triple-A Buffalo earlier in the day.

The Rays loaded the bases in the third, when another Toronto infielder nearly went down due to injury. Second baseman Devon Travis was trying to turn a double play when David DeJesus plowed into his left leg with a hard slide.

THURSDAY In Toronto

RAYS	BLUE JAYS
4	2

Travis was shaken up but stayed in the game. A run scored on the play but Sanchez (0-2) escaped the jam when Asdrubal Cabrera struck out and Steven Souza Jr., was caught stealing.

The Rays made it a two-run game in the fifth inning. Kiermaier reached on a ground-rule double and scored when DeJesus hit a flare to left field that dropped in front of a sliding Kevin Pillar.

Evan Longoria led off the sixth with a double to move into sole possession of top spot on the Rays' all-time doubles list with 230, one more than Ben Zobrist. Aaron Loup relieved Sanchez and promptly gave up a two-run homer to Beckham, who was pinch-hitting for Allan Dykstra.

Archer (2-1) was masterful over the first six innings before getting into some trouble in the seventh. He hit Edwin Encarnacion with a pitch and issued a one-out walk to Toronto native Russell Martin.

Archer responded by striking out Dalton Pompey of Mississauga and fanning Pillar.

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Tampa Bay's Kris Kiermaier scores in the fifth inning on Thursday night at Rogers Centre. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2. Meanwhile, in a saucepan off the heat, combine the stock, evaporated milk, mustard, pepper and garlic. Slowly whisk in the flour until smooth. Place the saucepan over medium heat and bring to a slight boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, whisking constantly for 4 to 5 minutes or until slightly thickened. Remove from the heat and whisk in the cream cheese and 4 Tbsp of the Parmesan cheese, whisking just until the cheese is melted.

3. Pour over pasta, add salmon, dill and remaining 2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese.

Ingredients
Serves 4
- 1/2 lb fettuccine
- 8 thin asparagus stalks, trimmed and cut into small pieces
- 1 cup cold chicken (or vegetable) stock
- 3/4 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup light cream cheese (about 2 oz)
- 6 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 oz sliced smoked salmon
- 2 Tbsp chopped dill

Nutritional information per serving
- Calories 375
- Protein 20 g
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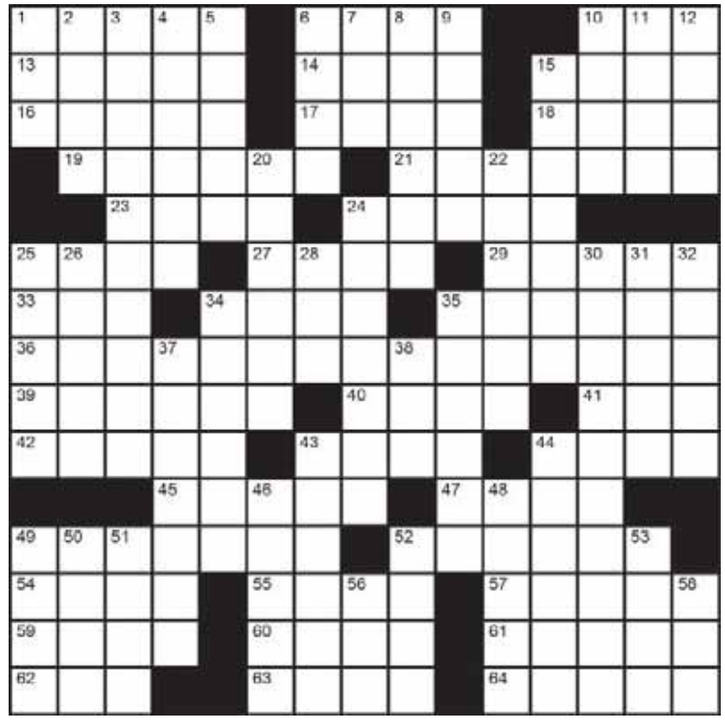

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1. Fretful feeling
6. Barbera d'__ (Wine of Piedmont, Italy)
10. Progressive Insurance commercials employee's name
13. Singer Ms. Jones
14. Boyfriend
15. Gather
16. Debonair
17. Respiratory organ
18. Whale movie
19. Scornful
21. City in the North Cariboo area of BC
23. Grim
24. "The Brothers McMullen" (1995) star Edward
25. Falling out
27. Gin flavouring
29. Homemade salad dressing ingredient
33. Antacid brand
34. "The Secret of __ Inish" (1994)
35. Ground corn food staple
36. Now on stage at the Canadian Opera Company, The __ __ __ (More at #15-Down!)
39. Like a broken promise
40. King Eurytus' daughter whose hand in marriage was offered as an archery prize
41. Pot's top
42. Electrical pioneer Nikola
43. About: 2 wds.
44. Reuben breads
45. City in northern France
47. Tart
49. Capital of Iraq
52. The Skipper's vessel, with S.S.
54. Bread spread
55. Shield's centre knob
57. Painter Mr. Degas
59. Rush, office-style
60. Bug killer brand
61. Ms. Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"
62. Hill kind
63. Baie-Sainte-__, NB
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DOWN
1. Li'l reply
2. French pronoun
3. Largest city in BC's Boundary Country: 2 wds.
4. "Oh, puh-leeze.": 2 wds.
5. TLC's "Untold Stories of __ _"
6. With competence
7. Romanian currency
8. Chequing account place, in Quebec
9. Prognosticate
10. Common plant
11. Dainty fabric
12. Ring stone
15. Composer of the opera buffa at #36-Across
20. Luxurious locale
22. Salad ingredient
24. Built blaze
25. Counter, as a debater
26. Absurd
28. Philosopher, __-tzu
30. Pirate ship flag: 2 wds.
31. Slapstick comic Mr. Hardy, to fans
32. Requires
34. Covered the debt
35. USA: Congresswoman, Nancy __
37. Hotel lobby worker
38. HELP!
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44. __ Park, in Edmonton
46. Ms. Dern of "Wild" (2014)
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49. Ship
50. Too
51. Equipment
52. Fashion
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Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone you meet while on the move will be fun but are they trustworthy? The planets warn that you must not let your guard down because if you give away a secret about yourself today it won't be long before everyone knows about it.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
People come to you with their problems all the time, which is nice in a way, but unless you want the entire day to be taken up listening to sob stories you will need to draw a line.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Push any problems you have on the work front to one side and promise yourself that you will deal with them next week. The Sun's change of signs on Monday will sweep them all away and you won't actually have to do anything yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Life may not be a bundle of fun at the moment but don't worry about it. The Sun moves in your favour in a few days time and once it does the smile will return to your face.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Have a good time today. Go out and enjoy yourself. But watch how much you spend and watch who you spend it on, because some of your so-called friends will bleed you dry if you let them.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Time spent planning is rarely time wasted, so find room in your busy schedule to look ahead and plan what you are going to be doing when the Sun moves into your opposite sign next week. Make it something you can do with other people.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Look for a compromise solution to a dispute. Yes, you may honestly believe that you are blameless and that the other party should admit that fact and make concessions but it isn't going to happen.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let anyone tell you that certain things cannot be done. What seems difficult, maybe even impossible, at this moment in time will become much easier when the Sun changes signs on Monday.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter how settled and secure you feel at the moment something will shake you up a bit over the next few days and that's good. It was never your destiny to take the easy or the quiet route through life.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Let someone you respect and admire know how much they mean to you. You have benefited a lot from their advice and assistance in recent weeks and it is only right that you acknowledge that fact.

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